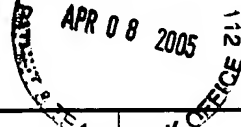


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
116347-004

In Re Application Of: **George J. Franks, Jr.**



Application No. 10/713,442	Filing Date November 14, 2003	Examiner Patel, D.	Customer No. 24573	Group Art Unit 2831	Confirmation No. 9617
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Invention: **METHODS AND APPARATUS TO SECURE A GROUND STRAP ASSEMBLY TO AN ELECTRIC CONDUCTIVE MEMBER**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 12/06/04 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: March 6, 2005 until: April 6, 2005
Date *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	35 -	39 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00

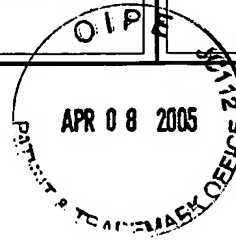
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$60.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
 - ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: April 6, 2005

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